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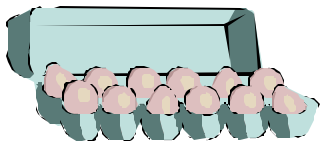
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



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NORTH ATLANTIC SHELL. In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher for the larger sizes; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents higher for extra large and unchanged to 3 cents higher for large based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged on the balance of sizes and in New England. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good, best into feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate for trading needs. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for processing needs.

NEW YORK. Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST. Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 7 cents higher for the larger sizes and were unchanged for medium and small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was slow to fairly good, mostly fair with the best interest from feature activity. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances tight. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly fairly good to good for the tight to adequate offerings. Breakers in need of additional nest runs were bidding the high side of the quoted range or higher. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. The trade sentiment was mostly fully steady.

CHICAGO. Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment fully steady. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies from in close balance to adequate.

SOUTHERN. In Atlanta, prices on the larger sizes were higher and medium unchanged. In Florida, prices were higher on the larger sizes and small eggs, however, mediums were unchanged from previous week. The market tone was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending September 22 was 66.06 cents, 5.27 cents more than the week before and 9.24 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for current slaughter schedules.

WESTERN. Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 11%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	97-99	91-93	62-64
New York	70-72	67-70	52-55
Philadelphia	66-70	64-68	51-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	60-61	58.5-59	43-44
Jackson (1)	71-72	67-68	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-86	70-84	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	60-65	59-64	44-49
Detroit (2)	57-60	56-59	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-64	57-62	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-68	59-66	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-83	77-79	55-57
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	100	90	76

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA. Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings about adequate. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 129, buy 1 get 1 free.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	118		
EXTRA LARGE	100		
LARGE	90		
MEDIUM	76		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	219-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	193-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	175-209
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	145-179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 29, 2000 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 22, 2000 were 221,609 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	189,607	32,002	221,609

% change from the prior week..... -3 -11 -4
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings continue tight to adequate with demand spotty but mostly fairly good to good. Breakers short of product were bidding the high side or better than the quoted mostly pricing. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment mostly fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	33-37	33-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-22	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were fair with scheduling adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-10	5-7	6.56

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for offerings that were adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of canners were clearing easily but usually reported as still sufficient for needs. The market tone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2.25-9.5	2.25-6	4.86
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Sep 25,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.1	12.2	6.0	12.2	7.8 49.3
	Change	1.4	1.0	0.5	-0.8	0.9 6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.2	31.0	13.3	26.1	21.2 117.8
	Change	6.1	-8.7	2.7	-2.5	0.1 -2%
Large	Curr Wk	45.0	66.0	43.9	66.6	96.6 318.1
	Change	13.7	-3.9	-8.3	-5.9	6.3 1%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	39.1	17.1	21.0	28.6 118.2
	Change	-0.2	6.8	-0.5	4.1	1.8 11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	7.1	3.9	4.1	5.6 24.6
	Change	-1.7	0.2	0.9	-2.1	1.1 -6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	18.7	6.8	12.6	5.6 48.5
	Change	0.3	0.4	1.1	1.6	-0.3 7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.8	44.7	16.0	28.3	36.9 149.7
	Change	2.9	-0.7	-3.9	2.3	2.5 2%
Total	Curr Wk	127.2	218.8	107.0	170.9	202.3 826.2
Percent	Change	21%	-2%	-7%	-2%	7% 2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	826.2	2%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	428.7	-1%	39
Total Shell Egg	1254.9	1%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	170	166.9	157.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 11, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	134	134	124	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2000

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
10.75				10.00				20.75			
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	SW	LOADS		
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	46.50	—	46.50	48.50	—	—	4.00	GNR W 1	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	38.50	—	—	41.25	38.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	55.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	60.00
GL W MD	—	—	35.50	40.67	33.50	—	4.25	GL W MD	33.00	—	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	25.00	26.50	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	42.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.50	35.00	—	—	.50				3.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00				4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/18-22/00

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
107.75				44.75				152.50			
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	SW	LOADS		
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	53.50	—	2.00	GNR W XL	—	59.00	—	—	2.00
GNR W 1	42.25	49.78	44.75	46.70	51.71	48.00	48.50	GNR W 1	—	—	27.50
GNR W 2	38.50	—	36.50	41.13	38.00	—	6.50	GNR W 2	—	—	2.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	35.94	38.50	9.00	GL W J	59.00	—	65.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	30.00	31.50	1.00	GL W XL	51.17	—	.25
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	53.00	55.00	55.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	33.00	—	57.00
GL W XL	50.00	53.50	51.50	51.92	48.28	—	16.25	GL W SM	22.00	—	58.10
GL W LG	49.00	53.78	45.92	48.50	47.77	50.00	23.00	NRBS - 48	—	37.00	42.50
GL W MD	—	—	35.50	39.75	34.00	33.00	10.50	NRBS - 42	—	32.00	28.00
GL W SM	23.00	25.00	22.75	24.42	—	—	7.00				1.00
NRBS - 50	—	38.00	32.50	34.00	—	—	3.00				6.00
NRBS - 48	33.50	35.00	—	—	33.50	—	10.50				1.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	28.50	—	1.00				
NRBS - 39	—	—	22.00	—	—	27.63	4.00				

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/10/00 - 09/16/00**Origin**

State	CO	IN	IA	MN	MO	NV	OH	OR	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	2,030	0	254	0	0	477	2,463	0	420	5,644
C. CA	0	0	0	795	0	0	0	1,186	2,242	660	0	4,885
S. CA	3,527	750	14,755	13,163	7,797	378	4,390	0	5,528	0	0	50,288
TTL STATE	3,527	750	16,785	13,958	8,051	378	4,390	1,665	10,233	660	420	60,817
SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0												

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	78-81	72-75	43-46	15-18

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
65-68	56-62	54-59	38-43	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
39-41	24-26	10-12

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
75.50	72.19	60.19	43.00

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS

(In Thousands)

ON HAND	9/18/00	9/12/00	9/21/99
PACIFIC COAST	472	528	35
LOS ANGELES	408	464	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 9/10/00-9/16/00
30-dozen cases 3,571

Receipts from the mainland: 9/3/00-9/9/00
30-dozen cases 4,206

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